

## VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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### Annual General Meeting Minutes

Gorge Soccer Association Clubhouse, Victoria, B.C.,  
**April 20, 2009**

**Members: 20**

**Apologies: 6**

**Guests: 2**

<b>Call to Order</b>	8:46 p.m.
<b>Acceptance 2008 Minutes</b>	Moved by Bob Hope, Seconded Michael McNally-Dawes
<b>Life Member</b>	Herb Harzan nominated as Life Member. Carried unanimously.
<b>Registrar</b> Rick Firestone	VISRA has 38 Regular members, 4 Youth, 3 Associate, and 10 VISRA Life Members for a total of 55 members.
<b>President</b> Mark McNally-Dawes	Attached
<b>Treasurer</b> Sergiu Surdu	Financial report presented. Moved by Bob Hope, seconded by Hilary Cross "David Levinson is to conduct annual financial review." Carried.
<b>Ed Hipsey Award</b> Ed Hipsey	Awarded to Evan Fryer of Lakehill.
<b>Election</b> Len Bridgeman	<u>President</u> - 2 year term Mark McNally-Dawes was declared acclaimed. <u>Treasurer</u> - 2 year term Michael McNally-Dawes was declared acclaimed. <u>Director 1</u> - 2 year term Terry Russell and Andrew Foster were nominated. Andrew declined, Terry accepted nomination and was declared acclaimed. Dan Greco, seconded by Ryan Perkins, moved that the ballots be destroyed. Carried.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Moved: Michael McNally-Dawes; Seconded: Cam Neish

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:22 p.m.

**Next Annual General Meeting: April 20<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rick Firestone*

## **Mark McNally-Dawes, President 2009 Report**

The last year was a busy one for referees again as it seems that we are perennially short-handed. The one mandate from the VISL was about language. Referees did a reasonable job controlling the many verbal issues that we deal with week in and out.

Discipline reporting still needs work. Having more referees attend VISRA monthly meetings and education sessions is one method that can be used to address these issues.

More education and professionalism are the goals for VISRA to move forward with in the coming year. Educational acknowledgement or being recognized as a more proficient referee because of VISRA membership is also a key goal. As an association we would like to be recognized as being preferred referees because of our additional training and commitment to the game.

To achieve this status it will be essential to promote and liaise with the various leagues on our commitment to for better quality refereeing. We need people to step forward to act as VISRA liaisons.

Membership is another issue that needs to be addressed. It would be valuable to have a committee to oversee the VISRA standardization program of internal assessments. It is our intention to take steps now to ensure that things are in place for the coming year. We propose to meet with the senior scheduler and to provide him the list of VISRA members who regularly attend meetings so that they can receive preference in assignments.

One method to address reduced attendance at VISRA meeting may be to have greater flexibility in scheduling meetings. The constitution now specifies that meetings must be held on Mondays. We propose to amend the constitution to remove this restriction and so allow meetings to be held on other nights of the week.

I would like to thank all of you who have regularly attended meetings this year. I hope that you have benefited from them. If not, I hope that you will let us know how they can be improved.

Special thanks go to Tiberio de Frias for his work in providing education to VISRA meetings this year. To all referees, thank you all for your hard work. There are days on the pitch that are truly forgettable or average. It is my sincere hope that we all learn from our mistakes and improve so that we become invisible to the players.

Many thanks - and good refereeing!

*Mark McNally-Dawes*

*The 2008-09 Financial Statement is to be attached here*